

Point Sur State Historic Park

GENERAL PLAN

NEWSLETTER

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PRELIMINARY GENERAL PLAN/DRAFT EIR READY FOR PUBLIC REVIEW

The Department of Parks and Recreation General Planning Team has completed a Preliminary General Plan/Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for Point Sur State Historic Park. The Public Review process, as required by CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act), will begin February 11th and will continue for 45 days ending on March 26, 2004. We invite you to attend a public meeting where we will present the General Plan's goals and planning proposals.

PUBLIC PROCESS - Get Involved!

Public Meeting Presentation

Location: Big Sur Lodge Conference Rm

Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park

Date: Tuesday, February 17th 2004

Time: 6:00 - 7:30 PM

A General Plan for Point Sur State Historic Park is one of many planning tools that California State Parks will use to provide for the future needs of this historic site. Come and see what future plans and goals have been proposed for Point Sur State Historic Park.

Please join us!

WHAT IS A GENERAL PLAN?

A General Plan is the primary management document for a unit of the State Park System. The plan provides a purpose and vision, long-term goals and guidelines, and defines a broad management framework for a unit's development, ongoing management & public use, and direction for the future.

General Plan Process History

At our first public meeting in December, 2001, the planning team heard public comment on issues and concerns that provided the scoping basis for the General Plan and EIR. A second public meeting was held in September, 2002, and the planning team heard public comments on the General Plan's planning objectives and goals.

Tuesday night's public review meeting will be an opportunity to learn about the public review process and the General Plan's goals and planning proposals. The purpose of the meeting is to give the public an opportunity to ask questions and receive clarification on the Preliminary General Plan/Draft Environmental Impact Report. However, comments on the Draft EIR must be submitted in writing and postmarked by the end of the public review period, March 26, 2004. They may be sent to: Pt. Sur SHP General Plan Team, 21 Lower Ragsdale, Monterey, CA 93940.

The development of the General Plan is a team effort between California State Park's Central Service Center and the Monterey District with the participation of agencies and the public at large. Your continued involvement is appreciated. Hard copies of the draft plan will be available for review at the Monterey District Office (2211 Garden Road, Monterey), the Big Sur Station, and libraries in Monterey, Carmel, and Big Sur. The plan will also be available for view on-line at the State Parks web site: www.parks.ca.gov. At the bottom of the right hand column, in Long Range Planning and Park Development, click on General Plans – In Progress.

The next step in the process will be for us to review the comments received, respond to those comments, and to prepare the Preliminary General Plan/Final EIR to present to the Park and Recreation Commission.